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SUBJ: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: NATO DECLARATION

1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE DEPT'S PROMPT REPLY TO MY REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TEXT OF THE NATO DECLARATION. THIS WILL ENABLE ME TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF WORK ON THE NATO DECLARATION, ALTHOUGH SOME DIFFICULT ISSUES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED.

2. BEFORE WE GET MUCH CLOSER TO COMPLETION HOWEVER, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT A SEMI FINAL REVIEW BE GIVEN TO IT NOT ONLY FOR EDITORIAL PURPOSES BUT ALSO FOR ITS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS. THE MISSION HAS ALREADY MENTIONED, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MATTER OF COMPATIBILITY OF THE DECLARATION WITH UNDERTAKINGS ASSUMED BY THE US UNDER THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.

3. I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT WE ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE TIME WHEN SELECTIVELY, KEY CONGRESSMEN OF BOTH PARTIES AND OF BOTH HOUSES BE BRIEFED ON THE TEXT AND BE PROVIDED WITH THE RATIONALE BEHIND IT. AS HAS BEEN STATED, CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE DECLARATION WILL OBVIOUSLY BE ESSENTIAL IF IT IS TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING AND HELPING TO REVITALIZE THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. RUMSFELD

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